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Subject: RE: FL 404 assumption consultation with Miccosukee and Corps

Thanks Suzanne. I think setting up a pre-meeting with the Corps would be a very good idea and I support setting that up and you playing an active role here. I defer to Mita and Jeaneanne if they have other thoughts on the pre-meeting with the Corps.

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Hi, everyone –

It recently came to my attention through the Corps that FDEP (Kelly Chase, Tribal Liaison) has asked the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida for a meeting with EPA and FDEP to discuss, among other issues, the transfer of two outstanding permits to FDEP (see attached). These are two permits which the Tribe has specifically requested the Corps retain its jurisdiction over.

After discussing with Cindy Thomas, the Corps' Tribal Coordinator, we both feel that it would be prudent to ask the Tribe if they would like to include FDEP in our upcoming consultation meeting (tentatively scheduled for January 11, pending confirmation from all parties). This would lend to a more fulsome and open dialogue with all parties involved. It should be noted that the fact that we engage in government-to-government consultation does not mean we are precluded from including non-US parties; the Tribe just needs to want those non-US parties to be part of the discussion. Unless you all feel otherwise, I am strongly suggesting that we ask the Tribe if they would like us to include FDEP in that meeting.

I would also suggest that we schedule a pre-meeting with the Corps during the week of 1/4/21 to go over talking points and come up with a run-of-show. I'm happy to schedule that pre-meeting and put together a draft presentation to go over some of the issues that the Tribe has identified for discussion (specifically as it relates to the status of certain lands as Indian country), but I do not want to step on anyone's toes here. Please advise what role you'd like me play in this discussion so I can best support this effort.

Thanks, and happy New Year!
Suzanne



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